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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995,
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/123,633
Filing Date	July 28, 1998
First Named Inventor	Leonard E. Mess
Group Art Unit	2858
Examiner Name	Vinh P. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	11675.168

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

Deposit Account No. _____

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. ☒ Other Addtl. Fee Charge Dept Acct 23-3178

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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AMENDMENT "E" AND RESPONSE

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2001 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), Applicant submits this Amendment "E" and Response, which is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the captioned application.

Clean Version of the Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3):